

ADDITIONAL
Common Issues Regarding the
Notice of Funding Availability
"FY 2005 Real Choice Systems Change Grants"
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Applicants Teleconference
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Toll-free telephone number: 1-800-857-3793
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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS...

- 72. On page 50 of the solicitation, it states that for System Transformation grants, the titles and sequences of the headings in the project narrative must coincide with the wording and sequencing used in the solicitation. However, that the language in the "Minimum Requirements if You Choose to Develop this Goal" section does not coincide directly with the section on Application Review Information. Should applicants address all issues in both sections and what sequence should follow in the narrative?**

The panel reviewers will be looking for certain criteria as defined in Section VI Application Review Information, Systems Transformation Grants that will be analyzed when reviewing your application presentation. Your application should be organized based on Application Section II, D. Requirements for Systems Transformation Grants, Application Part 1 through Part 5, and should be further organized to reflect the outline of the solicitation. As an example, {Part I System Readiness Assessment, Stakeholder Support & Mediation 2.} another example {Goal 3, Evaluation Question 1}. Please make sure the narratives and the appendices are organized to enable the reviewers to fully access your information so that no information will be overlooked because they couldn't locate it in your submission.

The minimum requirements for each goal must be addressed as well as how you will address each objective and evaluation question. Follow the sequence in the boxed area of each goal.

A. Rationale for choosing this goal. (How does this relate to your systems assessment?)

B. Address all the objectives (How does this relate to your systems assessment?)

C. What strategies you will want to propose in your strategic plan. (How does this relate to your systems assessment?)

D. What are the proposed system changes you expect at the end of five years? (What change will take place?) and how will you measure the change (What Outcomes will you propose?) and how will you evaluate the effectiveness of that change.

Everything ties back to your assessment.

Keep everything in order so the panelist reviewers will be able to score your application without looking for information. All supporting documents must be identified and easily retrieved. If you refer to a document in support of your response, then the reviewer should be able to find it immediately by a reference to an appendices and page number.

The evaluation criteria in Section IV are included in the solicitation to insure the applicant understands what the reviewer will be looking for to score the application. These criteria need to be considered when you respond to the requirements in Section II D.

73. On pages 28 and 29 of the grant solicitation under goal two, does an applicant need to address all three outcome questions under Evaluation Question Two?

All three of the outcome questions under Evaluation Question Two do not have to be addressed. The outcome questions are provided to assist applicants in discerning possible outcome questions that can be used to answer the evaluation question.